Sewell Ford in "Horses Nine" as fol-For a whole year Skipper was the pride of the force. He was shown to risitors at the stables; he was patted who was a bigger man than the mayor, came up especially to look at him. exclaimed, "How perfectly wonderful!" of their tails. see the likes o' that, Norah?"

that was the beginning of the end! start on the hunt, for the most part a away from her as a preliminary step Were you ever spayined? If so, you fruitless chase, for the little lizard to her punishment. The Empress Joknow all about it. If you haven't been, could skulk off faster than two cats sephine used to rouse Napoleon from there's no use trying to tell you. Rheumatism? Well, that may be bad, but could pursue. Yet when the kitten did his gloomy moods by a game of billiards. Adelina Patti became disgustion of many, whom their priests will take

lump was discovered. That day Skip- velopments. per did not go out on post. Reddy came before. Something had made it thick and husky. Very sadly Skipper saw

OWLS IN WINTER.

Where They Hide and How They Manage to Get Food. Owls are much commoner in winter than one is led to believe by the occasional specimens which are seen abroad in the daytime. If we searched the

hollow trees systematically any morn ing, we should probably discover several screech owls and perhaps some of the larger species. We might be surprised to find some of the screech owls

bills and bite and scratch in a solemn their footprints on the newly fallen man's Home Companion.

The infant had been put to bed ter upon his consulship." against his will, and, having got there, showed no inclination to go to sleep. He called his mother in to kiss her

he called her.

induce me to come to you again." "I'll bet I can make you come," boasted the youngster.

"I'll bet you can't," replied the exasperated parent.

There was a pause, and then the small voice, raised to its utmost, ex- back into the water again. He did claimed, "The devil and all his works!" and the negro took hold of the sp He won his bet.-New York Post.

Leeches as Weather Prophets. rometer. Fill a tumbler half full of water, put the leech into it and the a piece than others anyhow." of muslin over the top to keep the leech from getting out. All you have to do to find out what sort of weather we are going to have is to watch the little creature. For example, when the day is to be fine the leech will remain at the bottom of the glass, coiled up in rain may be expected, it will creep to the top of the glass and stay there until it clears off. If the leech twists itself and is very restless, there is going to be a windstorm. If it keeps out of the water for several days, look out for a thunderstorm. The indications for

and for snow the same as for rain .-Toledo Blade. Pat's Puzzle.

Five or six men were recently chatting in a village inn when one of them "I say, I bets ye dinners all round ye

frosty weather are the same as for fine

can't tell me the answer to a puzzle I "Done," they said. "I bet we can

What is It?" "Well," said Pat, "why is a journalist the funniest creature in the world?" After vainly trying for about two

"Why," said the delighted Pat, "bedon't it?"-Spare Moments.

Willie and His Politeness. Willie (reading his verse at Sunday

killed a boy and dipped the coat in the

"Yes, but didn't you tell us it is vulgar to say 'kid' when talking about lit- ductive. tle boys?" replied the apt scholar, beaming with delight at his good mem-

A Good Pull.

ory.-Philadelphia Telegraph.

doesn't earn any money." "Well, he pulls the same cork over "Why, how do you mean?"

"Has a rich uncle with a cork leg."-Boston Transcript.

Not Without Reason Sunday School Teacher-Well, who

was sorry at the return of the prodigal Little Girl-The fatted calf.-Boston Christian Register.

Every city should study its own opportunities for beautifying its sur- about music roundings and improve them .- Hart-

LIZARDS IN SAMOA.

The Way They Shed Their Tails and Fool the Kittens. A writer of Samoa writes in an intersting way of the lizards, little fellows about two inches long, prettily colored in a light and dark shade of brown. They can run up a window pane quite

as easily as can the flies on which they "When alarmed, the lizards are off on the nose by the mayor. The chief, like a flash of light and will take the most reckless leaps. I have seen them land safe at the end of a twenty foot In the park Skipper did his tricks ev- jump. Yet when cornered they have ery day for ladies in fine dress, who no hesitation in snapping off the most

"That was a maddening puzzle to my as well as for pretty nursemaids who glarled and said. "Now, did you ever small cat. The sight of a mo'o anywhere was an immediate challenge to And then came the spaviu. Ah, but the kitten. She would immediately For three weeks Reddy rubbed the The mo'o invariably snapped off its lump on the hock with stuff from a tail, which was left wriggling in one \$2,500. brown bottle and hid it from the in- part of the veranda, while the lizard spector. Then one black morning the ran off a short distance and awaited de-

into the stall, put his arm around his catch the lizard or the tail. If the mo'o neck and said "Goodby!" in a voice moved, the kitten went for it, but she languor and "that fired feeling" that Skipper had never heard him use always stopped short to keep an eye on she turned back to take care of the the veins. him saddle one of the newcomers and tail the mo'o got in motion and had to be looked after. Hundreds of times I have watched the dilemma, and the ending was always the same-the lizard got away and the kitten had to be content with the bony tail. But there were lots of lizards about my house sprouting new tails." - Youth's Com-

> HE FOLLOWED THE KING. It Was a Long Chase, but the Consul

Was Tenneious. "A consulship vacancy occurred in red and others gray, and, like the ear- south Pacific," said a Pacific coast fed- assistant's blunders. He met his Wa ly ornithologists, we might conclude eral judge. "I commended a friend terioo when he started to read "Bronze that the difference in color was due to for the vacancy. He was appointed, and ormolu empire clock, set of three difference in age or sex. It is now and, as it was imperative he should pieces, supported by Egyptian figures known that there are two distinct color reach his post at the earliest possible chiseled"- And as he came to a full phases of this species not dependent on day, he sailed from San Prancisco stop the catalogue readers burst into a either age or sex, though just what with the understanding that his com- roar of laughter that was inexplicable they are dependent on is not yet known. mission should follow him and that he to the rest of the audience. The word When taken from their retreats in should take the oath of office before a after "chiseled" which the assistant winter, these birds frequently feign local magistrate after he had arrived. simply refused to have a try at was death, shutting their eyes and lying Well, the new consul sailed, and it was perfectly still in the hand. By and by, six months before the state departwhen they find that their little ruse ment heard from him. He reported does not succeed, they will snap their there was no local magistrate and inquired of the secretary if he could not manage to get enough to eat on the king. The secretary wrote him in the a matter of fact, there is more prey | time by sailing ship, after going around ally supposed. Wild mice are very nu- information that the aforesaid king snow, and owls are most expert mouse | Should the consul follow him? Again that not a squeak escapes them, and The archives of the state department they themselves are so soft on the wing that they do not alarm the game.—Wowas sworn in and, after the lapse of appointment, was fully qualified to en-

Wetting a Wheel.

Once when Chief Justice John Margood night once more, to give him a shall was driving in Virginia he found glass of water, to put another cover on that the tire on one of his wheels was the bed, to tell her something very im- loose and kept slipping off. He didn't portant, to ask her how to spell North know a great deal about common af-Carolina and to explain why he happened to be her little boy instead of Aunt Bertha's. Finally she rebelled.

And Bertha's. Finally she rebelled.

Know a great dear not lived much with fairs, for he had not lived much with the common affairs of life, but he did the common affairs of life, but he did know that water would tighten a tire bachelors. John G. Whittier, our Leonidas "You simply must go to sleep," she on a wheel. So he came to a little commanded sternly. "I shall not come branch and drove into it and got one the great philosopher: Erasmus, the mopyle, led by a traitor, took them in into this room again tonight." She retired to the next room, and before long drove out and backed his horse, and scholar and philosopher; Leibnitz, the the rear, 480 B. C. "No, I'm not coming. Nothing will the same part of the wheel went into the philosopher; Galilel, who discover- by 300 years later that Hannibal dealt the philosopher; Galilel, who discoverand kept seesawing backward and forward, all the time getting the same part of the wheel wet. While the judge was bothering himself about how to get the wheel wet a negro came alor and, seeing the situation, told him to of the wheel and, turning it around rectly, had it wet all around. Jude Marshall said, "Well, I never though of that." The darky replied, "Well, some men just nat'ly have more sense

Elephant Love.

A pathetic story of intelligence and affectionate solicitude of an elephant comes from the Midnapur district in

Bengal. A wild tusker and a younger animal spiral shape and quite motionless. If had done great damage to crops, and the head man of the district, Baba Ganjan Lal Malla, attempted to kill them. He shot the larger animal in the leg, disabling it, but not sufficiently for any one to approach it.

For a month the animals lingered in the district, the smaller one ministering to the wants of its wounded compan ion, and by furious charges kept the villagers at a safe distance.

Twisting its trunk about that of the stricken brute, it uttered the most mournful cries, fanned the wound and gave every evidence of acute distress. When the wounded elephant died, its companion disappeared and has not een seen since.-London Express.

How Trees Differ as to Their Roots. length and fiber do not thrive as well as those which are unequal, because hours they saidly said they must give it they develop better when their roots reach for nutriment in different strata or depths of the earth. The oak could cause his tale comes out of his bead, not live in soil where the pine would thrive luxuriantly. This is owing to the nature of the trees. One requires the most solid nutriment. The pine requires light, sandy soil and the atmosschool)-"And they took Joseph's coat, pheric conditions of sunshine and rain. The oak, maple, elm, hemlock, birch and beech all require warm and clean "Now, Willie," said the teacher, "you | soil. Trees are noted for picking out know the text reads 'killed a kid,' not | the attractive places, and where there are flourishing forests may be found the best land and the soil always pro-

There was perhaps more satire than gratitude in the reward bestowed by a French lady on a surgeon for bleeding "How does young Swift manage to her-an operation in which the lancet uncork so much champagne? He was so clumsily used that an artery was severed and the poor woman bled to death. When she recognized that she was dying, she made a will in which she left the operator a life annuity of 800 francs on condition "that he never again bled anybody as long as he lived."

> The Second Fiddle. "Mr. Henpecque, let me introduce you

to the Count de Dieppe." "Ah, eet eez ze bonor to meet a muslcian. I hear, sar, zat you an' your "Why, I don't know the first thing

"But I hear eet all around zat you play second fiddle to your wife!"

BILLIARDS FOR WOMEN. According to Shakespeare, Cleopatra

Played the Game. In France a gentleman is not ashamed to take his wife to see a professional billiard game. Frenchwomen are good soon as they begin to actract attention. They read the billiard news in the played billi als from the time of Cleopatra. In 30 B. C. he makes the Egypsionately fond of the game. On the evening preceding her execution she that her billiard table had been taken followed a scene of bewilderment, ed with her English table and had one

The efficacy of billiards as a health restorer is beyond dispute. The motions gone through will reach every "The kitten never knew whether to part of the body and operate on the entire system. They completely dispertension of the muscles is tested and the the wriggles of the tail. As soon as blood sent in swifter circulation through

At an auction sale that has 6 far the best part of a week the auction eer's throat began to trouble him greatly, and to save himself as much as pos sible he had one of his employees read off the number and name of each article as it came up for sale. The assistant's pronunciation of such words a "marqueterie," "Francois," "Sevres. "Delacroix" and "Beauvais" was se weird that the audience "got on to him," and all those who were not too busily engaged in making bids were one of the group of islands of the reading their catalogues to follow the "hieroglyphics."-New York Press.

Peculiarities of the Carnation, The peculiarities of the carnation are such that under cultivation it has been but very effective manner. How they take the necessary oath before the made to take almost any character as to color or form of flower desired by dark, cold nights is a mystery to those affirmative, and it was several months the careful cultivator. It has been unacquainted with the woods; but, as later when another letter came, this very popular with one generation of men and equally unpopular with the abroad on winter nights than is gener- the world. It contained the graphic next. When in favor, the flowers in creased in size, and the varieties bemerous, a fact which is attested by had in the meantime gone to an ad- came numbered by the hundreds. At joining island and taken to the brush. one time fringed petals were in great demand and were secured; at another catchers. Their hearing is so acute he was given an affirmative answer. the smooth edged petals only found ac ceptance

Two hundred years ago the garden the calyx did not burst, and refractory nearly two years from the date of his flowers were knifed into fashion's line. But during the last 150 years the burst calyx has been deemed a defect, yet all efforts to prevent it in large flowers have not been wholly successful.

Many eminent men whose names are their impress upon the world were bachelors. Beethoven, Schubert, Belbachelors. John G. Whittier, our Leonidas and his brave little band of ed the application of the pendulum and that the earth revolves; Hugens, the German astronomer who discover-Joseph Gall, the originator of phrenolair pump, were all bachelors.

A Feat of Horsemanship. For the sake of a wager a remarkable feat of horsemanship was some years ago accomplished by a sporting nobleman in a certain London mansion. He made a bet with a tempt the task, but it was finally performed, though the damage done to the paid by the winner.

Hasty Afterthought. "Policeman," said the stranger, adtressing the officer who was guarding the muddy crossing, "can you direct

Here he slipped and fell. -"to the nearest place," he continued, gathering himself up and surveying his soiled garments, "where they clean clothes?"-Chicago Tribune.

His Reputation.

Upgardson-On the strength of your ecommendation I lent Bilcombe \$5 the other day, and now I find he's a con firmed deadbeat that never pays his You told me he was a man of established reputation. Atom-So he is. That's the reputa

tion he has established. Maintaining the Proportion Mrs. Nagston-Why, my dear, the last time I heard you tell that story it was only \$12 instead of \$25 that you lost.

Mr. Nagston-Well, this crowd I'm telling it to is twice as big as that one

A Good Deed. Mother (severely)-Johnny, where is that piece of cake I left here when I

Johnny-I gave it to a hungry little boy, mamma, and, oh, he was so glad to get it! Mother-Come to my arms, you dear, dear angel. Who was the little boy?

Johnny-Me. What He Knew. "Can no child tell me what kind of bird Noah sent out of the ark?" asked

the superintendent. "Billy can," volunteered the children. "His father keeps a bird store." -

Parlor Folderols.

Some of the money spent on folde rols in the parlor should really go toward buying hardware for the kitchen and tools for the man of the house to work with.-Atchison Globe.

If we gave assistance to each other, no one would be in want of fortune .-

SUNDAY IN OLD ENGLAND. A Day of Festivity Under the Sano

tion of the King. For a considerable period prior to the English revolution Summay was a day of great festivity and high revelry in billiard players and like to see all the the old country. Incredible though it fancy shots made by professionals as may appear, its observance was governed and ordered by a paradoxical royal declaration issued by James I. daily papers and subscribe to journals This document is generally known as oublished especially for billiardists. the "Book of Sports." In its preamble According to Shakespeare, women have it recites a royal rebuke administered to "some Puritanes and precise people" for "prohibiting o' unlawful punishing tian queen summon Charmian to bil- of Our good people for using their law-Mards. Mary, queen of Scots, was pas- full Recreations and honest exercises upon Sundayes and other holy days after the afternoone sermon or service," wrote to the archbishop of Glasgow and then he refers to "the generall complaint of our people, that they were barred from all lawful Recreation and exercise upon the Sundayes afternoone, which cannot but produce two evils, of many, whom their priests will take occasion hereby to vexe, persuading made in New York for which she paid them that no honest mirth or recreation is lawfull or tollerable in our Religion which cannot but breed a great discontment in our people's hearts. The other inconvenience is that this prohibition barreth the common and meaner sort of people from using such exercises as may make their bodies more able for Warre when we or our niccessors shall have occasion to us

> Then follows the royal mandate "that Then follows the royal mandate "that no lawful Recreation shall be bared to our good People" and "the Bishop and all other inferior Churchmen and Churchwardens" and enjoined to "bee carefull and diligent, both to instruct the ignorant and convince and reforme them that are misled in religion. Our pleasure likewise is that the Bishop of the Diocese take the like straight order with all the Puritans and Precisians within the same, either contrainother such harmless Recreation, includ-But withall wee doe here accompt still | money. as prohibited all unlawfull games to be used upon Sundays onely, as Beare and Bull baitings, Interludes and at all times in the meaner sort of People by Law prohibited, Bowling." A penalty was inflicted upon those who did not join in the Sunday sports, and no one could take part in them without first having attended divine service in the parish church, which was also enforced

In those days the clergyman would, in obedience to the royal decree, publicly recite the "Book of Sports" from the pulpit. After divine service he with his churchwardens, would his churchwardens would proceed Doors, with the congregation to the village green, there to indulge in all kinds of "lawfull recreation." While the sports Blinds, were going on it was the custom for Mouldings, ers thought the flowers imperfect if the parson and his churchwardens to Mantels, retire to the adjoining inn.—Baltimore Porch

The First Flank Attack. We have a record in the book of Gable Joshua of "the stratagem whereby Al Ornaments, was taken." This tells us how 5,000 Hardware, men were set in ambush behind the city, so that when the king of Al and Paints, Oil, household words and who have left his hosts were drawn forward to the Cook, Ranges fight a flank attack was made with and Heating overwhelming success by the warriors

one of his heaviest blows against the hosts of Rome. Having concealed his brother Mago, with 2,000 horse and ed Saturn's ring and one satellite; Lei- foot soldiers, among the reeds, he enbig, the chemist; Dr. Hahnemann, the ticed the Roman forces across the river originator of homeopathy; Dr. Franz Trebla. The legions fought bravely and held their own until Mago, rising ogy, and Guericke, the inventor of the from ambush, attacked them in the rear and routed them.

The Meaning of Historic. One of my artistic friends was upon a business visit to a picturesque district of Perthshire the other day. A little leisure was afforded him by the a friend that he would ride his pony native if there were any historic places from the ground floor of the house to in the neighborhood, so that he might spoil a film or two, with which he had quired a good deal of persuasion to at- loaded his camera. "No, there's no nized as the World's greatest onything historic about the place. The layers. Black castle up by there used to be historic, but it's no' sae historic noo!" ed to almost \$1,000, which had to be What that bucolic individual imagined tile. Send in your orders at Fancy Worsteds, Cheviots, Unapparent by the reply.-Glasgow Times.

Curious Death Custom In Fiji. The Fijians believe that in case a marriageable youth or maiden dies without having gone through with the laborate nuptial knot tying ceremony of the islands his or her soul is doomed to wander about forever in an intermediate region between heaven and hell. When any one dies, man, woman or child, a whale's tooth is placed in the hand of the corpse, the missile to be thrown at the tree which stands as a guidepost to point out the road that eads to beaven and the one that leads to hell.

Eyes at Different Ages. The Stockholm museum possesses an interesting collection of eyes taken from human beings at different ages, which are cut across in such a way as to exhibit plainly the internal and the external eye. It is easy to observe that the eye of a young child is as transparent as water; that of the youth a little less so; in the man of thirty the eye begins to be slightly opaque, in the man of fifty or sixty it is decidedly opaque, and in the man of seventy or eighty it is dull and lusterless. This gradual development of opacity is due to the increase of fibrous tissue and deposit of waste matter in the eye.

The burglar softly opened the door of the suburbanite's sleeping apartment, slipped inside and searched the room

thoroughly, but found nothing worth stealing. "I'll get some satisfaction out of him, anyway!" he said. Thereupon he set the alarm clock on the bureau for the hour of 3 and softly departed.-Chicago Tribune.

Employer-Just file these letters for me, will you, Patrick? Employee-Oi can trim them off aisier with a pair of scissors, sor .- Kansas City Independent.

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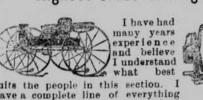
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